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Please see the Examiner's Amendment to the specification attached hereto.

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 of the specification with the following:

#### **“Related Applications**

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/439,165, filed on November 12, 1999, which claims priority to U.S. provisional Application No. 60/108,322, filed on November 13, 1998, U.S. provisional Application No. 60/114,078 filed on December 28, 1998, and which is a Continuation in Part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/258,633, filed on February 26, 1999, which is a Continuation in Part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/421,134, filed on October 19, 1999. The contents of all of the aforementioned applications are incorporated herein in their entirety by reference. “

Please replace the second paragraph spanning lines 7 to 12 of page 3 with the following:

“In one embodiment, an hVR-1, hVR-2, or rVR-2 nucleic acid molecule of the invention is at least 60%, 65%, 70%, 75%, 80%, 83%, 85%, 86%, 87%, 88%, 89%,

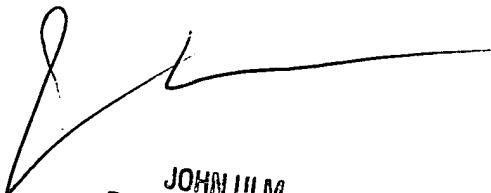
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90%, 91%, 92%, 93%, 94%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99% or more identical to the nucleotide sequence (e.g., to the entire length of the nucleotide sequence) shown in SEQ ID NO:I, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, or 12, or a complement thereof."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John D. Uilm whose telephone number is (571) 272-0880. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00AM to 5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Janet Andres can be reached on (571) 272-0867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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